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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/735,800	MAKINSON ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Sarang Afzali	3726
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1. This communication is responsive to <u>Amendment filed 11/28/2007</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1 and 5</u> .		
 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some* c) None of the: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: 		
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.		
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DETAILED ACTION

RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT

1. The applicant's amendment filed on 11/28/2006 has been fully considered and made of record.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claims:

5. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim <u>1</u>-3, wherein said step of testing for imbalance includes testing for static imbalance and dynamic imbalance, and said step of compensating for imbalance includes removing plastic material at at least one location on said disc and at least one location on said cap.

This claim was rewritten to correct the claim language of the amended claim wherein on line 3, one of the words "at" was omitted mistakenly and it should correctly read ". . . removing plastic material at at least one location . . . " on line 3.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest the series of steps, particularly the step of "forming an annular plastic cap having a lower face and an array of impeller vanes distributed around and extending from said lower face; and securing

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upper face" which was an allowable subject matter of previous claim 3, which Applicant

said cap to an upper face of said disc by connecting the free ends of said vanes to said

has incorporated in the newly amended claim 1.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Sarang Afzali whose telephone number is 571-272-

8412. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-3:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on 571-272-4526. The fax phone number for

the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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